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As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am an original, first and joint inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

GENES THAT CONFER REGENERATION ABILITY TO PLANTS, AND USES THEREOF

the specification of which was filed on July 30, 2004 as Application No. PCT/JP2004/011307.

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I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by an amendment, if any, specifically referred to herein.

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